Statement-II

Details of pending cases of compassionate appointment

Sl.No.	Name of District	Number of cases	Department
1.	Ajamgarh	3	Department of Posts
2.	Sultanpur	Nil	

1. Shri Anand Kumar Chaubey
   S/o Late Shri Bhoop Narain Chaubey, Ex-PA, Ajamgarh.
2. Shri Ranjit Singh
   S/o Late Shri Mangla Prasad Singh, Ex-PA Ajamgarh.
3. Shri Shahid Khan
   S/o Late Shri Afzal Ahmed, Ex-PA, Ajamgarh.

Bandwidth requirement

1926. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the bandwidth requirement in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the annual percentage of increase in bandwidth in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL is planning to procure up to 155 Mbps of international internet bandwidth to meet the requirements of India's internet as well as broadband services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) The bandwidth is require for connecting various service provider's networks, inter-circle connectivity of networks, international connectivity of networks and point to point as well as point to multipoint requirements of individuals, business houses etc. It can be provided through various routes and media. For this purpose various types of licences have been granted and these licences plan their network based on the requirement and business plan. Therefore, the concept of bandwidth requirement in the country may not be easily quantifiable.

(c) and (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is continuously augmenting the International Internet Bandwidth to meet the demand of increasing customer base of broadband as well as Internet Service. As on 03.08.2005, the International Internet bandwidth with BSNL is 1161.5 Mbps.

Growth in mobile and fixed lines

1927. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Telecom sector registered a very high growth in the last three years for both mobile and fixed lines;

(b) what is the total number of fixed and mobile lines at present in the country; and

(c) by when the new National Telecom Policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Mobile telephone connections have increased from 64,31,520 to 5,67,26,605 in last three years (*i.e.* 1st April, 2002 to 30th June, 2005) and fixed line telephone connections have increased from 3,84,40,906 to 4,65,59,612 during this period.

(b) The total number of fixed and mobile connections are 4,65,59,612 and 5,67,26,605 respectively as on 30.06.2005.

(c) The New Telecom Policy is likely to be announced by the end of 2005.

Computerisation of Post Offices

1928. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sought Rs. 500/- crores from the Planning Commission for including those Post Offices that have not been included in the computerization project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount so far got from the Planning Commission for this purpose;

(d) the number of computers involved in this project, State-wise and District-wise;